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## LAND-GRABBING RACE Soviet Designs On Persia And Turkey

LONDON, DEC. 27.—A RACE WOULD SEEM TO BE TAKING PLACE NOW BETWEEN THREE SOVIET REPUBLICS—ARMENIA, GEORGIA AND AZERBAIDZHAN—to ASSIMILATE GREAT HUNKS OF PREVIOUSLY FOREIGN TERRITORY FROM PERSIA AND TURKEY.

PERSIAN AZERBAIDZHAN STILL PROCLAIMS ITS ADHERENCE TO THE TEHRAN GOVERNMENT. BUT THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST SIGN THAT SUCH CONDITION IS BEING LIVED UP TO, AND UNLESS ALL PERSIA CHANGES THE GOVERNMENTAL FORM, IT IS MORE THAN PROBABLE THAT THE TABRIZ GOVERNMENT WILL EVENTUALLY BE JOINED UP WITH THAT OF RAHUL. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMOURS, WHICH ARE PROBABLY PREMATURE, THAT SIMILAR COUPS ARE BEING PREPARED IN PERSIA'S OTHER NORTHERN PROVINCES.

## Troops Walk Off British Transport

LIVERPOOL, DEC. 26.—THREE HUNDRED LANCY BRITISH SOLDIERS WALKED OFF THE TROOPSHIP "ORION" AND MADE PROTEST AGAINST THE LIVING CONDITIONS ABOARD.

They battled with military police who tried to force them back for a Christmas Eve sailing to the Middle East. Several were injured. Officials were pelted with tin cans and snail shells.

Last night 700 soldiers walked off but were forced to return. Some started a riot again this morning and when the police tried again to detain them, their comrades scrambled down to help.

The soldiers said the ship was overcrowded and the food conditions bad and unsanitary. They were headed to the Middle East to relieve other forces which were due for leave or demobilisation. Associated Press.

## Stabbed With Own Bayonet

HOKKAIDO, DEC. 27.—THE DISCLOSURE THAT AN AMERICAN SENTRY WAS KILLED ON DEC. 19 BY THREE JAPANESE WAS MADE TODAY WITH THE ARREST OF ONE SUSPECT.

The sentry, whose name was not given, was stabbed with his own bayonet during an early morning fight with three Japanese who were surprised attempting to raid a government food store. This is the first killing of this nature that has occurred in Hokkaido.

The 11th Corps Provost Marshal's office said that 18-year-old Katsunori Tame, a reformatory inmate, confessed to his part in the killing and will be tried by a Military Commission.

The two other suspects are still at large. Associated Press.

## STORM WORSE IN THE CHANNEL

LONDON, DEC. 27.—THE WEEK-OLD STORM INCREASED IN FURY OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, DRIVING MANY SHIPS TO COVER AND STRANDING THOUSANDS OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRAVELLERS.

Torrential hail and rain, blown by a 60-mile an hour gale, lashed at the Straits of Dover and whipped the seas into mountainous waves.

The pounding seas breached sea walls in some English ports and drove away Coast guard crews and mine disposal squads who battled the mine menace while workmen frantically repaired sea walls to prevent the flooding of towns. Associated Press.

### KEEPING CHECK

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—In a directive "revolutionary" for Japanese statisticians, General MacArthur to-day ordered 11 offices to maintain weekly statistics to disclose an up-to-date picture of Japan's economy. The statistics will replace the monthly, quarterly and semi-annual statistics formerly kept by the Japanese. They will cover everything from wholesale and retail price indices to kilowatts of electric power consumed, amusements and income taxes and bank deposits.

## 105 ON XMAS DAY

Sydney, Dec. 27.—Southern Australia had one of its hottest Christmas days on record with a temperature of 103.8 in Melbourne and 106 in Adelaide.

Sydney had a comparatively low temperature of 76 but humidity was extreme. Associated Press.

## Is Franco's Number Up?

WASHINGTON, DEC. 27.—THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTIFIED FRANCE OF HER READINESS TO DISCUSS WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE ALL ASPECTS OF THE RELATIONS OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS WITH SPAIN'S FRANCO REGIME.

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson in a news conference indicated that it was likely that a three power discussion would begin early in January.

Although the French note was not made public it is generally believed that it proposed exploring the desirability of affecting a diplomatic break with the Franco regime and also the possibility of formally recognizing the Spanish government in exile in Mexico City, as the Spanish provisional government.

In London a Foreign Office spokesman said Britain had told France she was willing to participate in the discussions. Associated Press.

## Pied Piper Modern Style

Manila, Dec. 27.—Clark Castillo was today sentenced to death by the People's Court as an inhuman Pied Piper who led almost a thousand Filipinos to mass execution by the Japanese.

He was the first collaborator to receive the sentence in a decision which was established as an important precedent that membership in the Japanese Makapili army constitutes treason.

Last March, Castillo, on the pretence that the Japanese were according safe conduct,ajoled the population of Lumbang village to the Japanese.

The Japanese killed all except the Makapili members. The massacre figured in the Yamashita trial. Associated Press.

## Murder Of British Officers In Egypt

CAIRO, DEC. 27.—TWO BRITISH OFFICERS WHO WENT DUCK-SHOOTING ON A LAKE A FEW MILES TO THE EAST OF ALEXANDRIA, HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY EGYPTIAN FISHERMEN, THE EGYPTIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES IN CAIRO STATED TO-NIGHT.

THE BODY OF ONE OF THEM, FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT J. G. GORDON OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND IN THE LAKE. THE BODY OF THE OTHER WHO WAS A NAVAL OFFICER HAS NOT YET BEEN RECOVERED.

## P.W.s Still Missing

TOKYO, DEC. 27.—HEADQUARTERS TO-DAY ORDERED THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING 80 ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR, INCLUDING AT LEAST TEN AMERICAN AIRMEN, WHO WERE SEEN ALIVE AND IN GOOD HEALTH ON EITHER MAY 9 OR 10, 1945.

The men were seen then at the Kempell headquarters from which there were taken to work on farms according to information reaching Allied Headquarters from Manila. There has been no further information as to their fate.

The Japanese government has been given until Dec. 31 to present a complete report. Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Army's property bill for October totaled \$11,000,000, the smallest since summer 1945. Associated Press.

When the Egyptian Police were informed that the two officers had failed to report for duty after the shooting expedition, investigations were immediately started.

Following the finding of Lieutenant Gordon's body, three fishermen were arrested and the Police stated that they had confessed to taking part in the murder of the two officers.

Investigations are proceeding but in the meantime the theory is held by the Police that robbery was the motive.

Members of a gang suspected of attacks on British Service personnel at lonely spots around Cairo, wounded an R.A.F. corporal at Heliopolis last night.

This is the fifth shooting incident of its kind in Cairo in a little more than a year.

No arrests have been made in connection with any of the four attacks and the Police are still attempting to locate the gang.

At Heliopolis only one-third of the number had entered. Associated Press.

## Power Behind The Mikado's Throne

TOKYO, DEC. 27.—AGED AND SECRETIVE COUNT NOBUAKI MAKINO, WHOM THE MILITARISTS ONCE FORCED FROM THE EMPIRE'S HIGHEST POST, IS THE LEADER AND DOMINANT VOICE OF JAPAN'S NEW BEHIND-THE-SCENES RULING CLIQUE, INFORMED JAPANESE SOURCES INDICATED TO-DAY.

MAKINO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BLOCKED EMPEROR HIROHITO'S CONTEMPLATED ABDICATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SURRENDER, AND SOURCES SAID HE HAS OPPOSED CONSISTENTLY ANY SUGGESTION FOR THE RULER'S RETIREMENT.

The 74-year-old former Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal exercises his power from a small, secluded villa on the edge of Tokyo, which he seldom leaves.

Would-be interviewers are told that he is too ill and "too out of touch with things" for a statement. But messengers of all ranks carry his advice to the throne.

Prince Kanoye's death and the arrest of other wartime figures around the Emperor has enhanced the influence of Makino's clique. The Emperor is believed to rely considerably on the judgment of the man who 10 years ago was termed "a dangerous liberal" by his military enemies.

Informed sources named as other principal figures in this ruling group: Premier Kijuro Shidehara, 73; retired Admiral Suzuki, 78; President of the Privy Council, Foreign Minister Shigeru Yoshida, 67; Tameo Matsudaira, 68, former Imperial Household Minister and one-time Ambassador to Washington.

These men at one time or another all opposed the militarists and linguists and were known as liberals, but their liberalism stems from the past and is not abreast of the sweeping changes now underway in Japan. Associated Press.

## Religious Music Safe

NEW YORK, DEC. 27.—THE "TIMES" TO-DAY SAID THAT A BAN ON BROADCASTING BY AMERICAN STATIONS OF MUSICAL PROGRAMMES ORIGINATING FROM ALL FOREIGN COUNTRIES BUT CANADA HAS BEEN ORDERED BY JAMES PETRILO, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS.

The edict is effective from Dec. 31. Petriilo told the newspaper, adding that it was designed to protect American musicians against foreign competition.

The "Times" said the Union head had declared that foreign musicians could displace the American services without entering the United States through the international short wave radio.

Canada was exempted because musicians there were members of the Federation.

Petriilo told the "Times" the ban does not apply to religious broadcasts such as Christmas and Easter programmes from Jerusalem, the Vatican and special overseas musical programmes by the Army and the Navy. Associated Press.

## Kids Run Riot At Tokyo Party

TOKYO, DEC. 27.—IT BEGAN WHEN G-15 WANTED TO ENTERTAIN A FEW HUNDRED KIDS—AND NEARLY ENDED IN A JUVENILE RIOT.

Officers and men of the 11th Corps planned a Xmas Party yesterday for about 1,600 children of Japanese labourers employed by the Corps. The soldiers contributed gifts of candy, cookies and a special programme was arranged and refreshments provided.

Then kids of all sizes and shapes came from throughout the Tokyo and Yokohama areas and stormed the small entertainment buildings and labour group representatives had to be enlisted to maintain order.

The officers estimated that some 9,000 youngsters had arrived.

Finally they were escorted into the building and admitted into the building, 200 at a time while the soldiers due down into the barracks to find gifts.

At Heliopolis only one-third of the number had entered. Associated Press.

## BIG THREE MINISTERS REACH ACCORD

MOSCOW, DEC. 27.—ADVISERS AND EXPERTS WORKED INTO LAST NIGHT ON DRAFTS OF AGREEMENTS REACHED BY THE "BIG THREE" FOREIGN MINISTERS, HIGHLIGHTED BY A COMPROMISE ACCORD ON THE PROCEEDINGS FOR DRAFTING EUROPEAN PEACE SETTLEMENTS. A BRITISH SOURCE SAID THE COMMUNIQUE WAS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY.

INFORMED QUARTERS SAID FOREIGN COMMISSAR MOLOTOV, FOREIGN SECRETARY BEVIN AND SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES PLANNED ANOTHER MEETING BEFORE ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH MAY HAVE REACHED AGREEMENTS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE.

Hope was offered for an accord for ending the impasse over peace treaties which caused the collapse of the five-power foreign ministers' conference in London last October.

An announcement issued by the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers last night said they agreed on procedure for peace terms with Germany's European satellite "except in the case of other members of the United Nations who will be invited to take part in sessions on questions which concern them."

The announcement said terms will be submitted to a conference of representatives of 21 active belligerents who fought for the Allied cause, to be convened not later than May 1, 1946.

In the meantime, the announcement added, deputies of the five-power council of Foreign Ministers will resume work in London. The "Big Three" conferences asked France and China to give approval to their agreement.

## Macao Ship In Trouble

ANXIETY OVER THE NON-ARRIVAL OF A NUMBER OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO HAD GONE TO MACAO FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND WERE DUE TO RETURN YESTERDAY WAS ALLEVED BY THE ARRIVAL OF THE MOTOR JUNK KWONG SANG-TAI AT ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

The Kwong Sang-tai left Macao at 9 a.m. on Wednesday with about 60 passengers for Hong Kong and a small quantity of cargo. She was barely out of Macao harbour when she was in difficulties through the winds and sea. She started to roll and the passengers had to be distributed evenly about the boat.

Further heavy seas were encountered near Kau Chau, the waves coming overboard and some of the passengers were inclined to panic.

At about noon the Master decided it would be unwise to continue and proceeded to San Kok Island where the boat was anchored. In the evening the anchor chain broke and a mast was blown away. The boat started to drift and roll badly and appeared to be in danger of sinking. Commotion and panic broke out among the passengers.

Eventually after a very trying time, the passengers were put ashore by sampans. They spent the night on the hills and were fortunate to be supplied with food by fishing folk who were taking shelter in the bay.

At 4 p.m. yesterday the Master deemed it safe to proceed and the boat arrived here shortly before 9 p.m.

Forecast for to-day:—Light northerly winds, fine; rather cold. Yesterday's temperature:—Minimum 48 degrees at 6 a.m. Maximum 65 degrees at 1 p.m.

## British Live In Comfort On The Rhine

(By Henry Buckley, Reuter's Correspondent).

BERLIN, DEC. 27.—THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION IN BERLIN IS STEADILY BUILDING UP A LARGE ORGANISATION, READY TO FUNCTION AS AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNING BODY OF GERMANY AS SOON AS CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES, SUCH AS FRENCH OPPOSITION, ARE REMOVED.

OVER 1,700 BRITISH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ARE NOW EMPLOYED AT THE BRITISH CONTROL COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS, AND THE NUMBER IS STEADILY INCREASING.

This Commission is to-day a mixed civilian and military organisation, but the aim is to make it entirely civilian as soon as possible.

"Other ranks" live mainly in large blocks of flats. Officers live in 100 pleasant villas in Grunewald, a wooded suburb in Berlin's West End.

There are 40 messes which range from private homes of senior officials, who live in style with a butler and a household staff, of their own to junior messes, where up to 50 may eat.

A number of officers share each villa or flat, where the house is divided into flats.

The food consists of Army rations with a certain amount of supplementary vegetables. Rhine wine is usually available and the general level of feeding is definitely better than that of the average family living on its rations at home in Britain.

A club is being set up in the main mess hall to provide social life for the officers.

The task of transporting such a large number of personnel to and from work to scattered billets areas is considerable and special bus services, driven by Army drivers, have been introduced to cut down the large number of individual cars formerly used. Reuter.

SEVERAL BRITISH SOLDIERS, MOSTLY PARACHUTE TROOPERS, WERE ARRESTED FOR A TOO RACIOUS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN BATAVIA'S LARGEST CHINESE RESTAURANT, YEN PIN.

They were charged with raiding the buffet after they were denied more liquor. Many patrons, including women and children, fled in panic. Police closed the restaurant.

The cafe manager alleged that doors and windows were smashed, a grand piano was hurled from the stage, a crystal chandelier was torn down and liquor bottles and glasses smashed. Associated Press.

## Bevin Sees Stalin

LONDON, DEC. 27.—The Moscow Radio, states that British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was received by Generalissimo Stalin to-day.

Generalissimo Stalin received the British Foreign Secretary at the Kremlin in the presence of the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov, the British Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, and the Soviet Ambassador to London. Reuter.

## Attempt To Kill Sutan Sjahrir

BATAVIA, DEC. 27.—SHOTS WERE FIRED AT SUTAN SJAHRIR, PREMIER OF THE UNRECOGNISED INDONESIAN REPUBLIC, AND HE WAS CLUBBED WITH A PISTOL BUTT IN WHAT ANETA NEWS AGENCY SAID APPARENTLY WAS AN ATTEMPT BY SEVERAL NETHERLANDS INDONESIAN SOLDIERS TO STEAL HIS AUTO. MOBILE YESTERDAY.

"I don't think they knew who I was," Sjahrir was quoted as saying afterward.

Four Eurasians, in Dutch uniforms pulled alongside the premier's car, fired three bullets against the hood, forcing him to halt. Sjahrir said he got out of the vehicle and was struck with the pistol butt.

British police who came to Sjahrir's aid arrested several Eurasians at the scene.

The 36-year-old premier is a key figure in Indonesian Allied relations and has urged moderation on his followers. He returned Tuesday from a tour of Java. During his absence, the British arrested several Eurasians attempting to break into his Batavia home. Associated Press.

## King's Xmas Broadcast

SANDRIGHAM, DEC. 27.—KING GEORGE VI, ADDRESSING HIS SUBJECTS FROM SANDRIGHAM HOUSE, WHERE THE ROYAL FAMILY IS SPENDING ITS FIRST CHRISTMAS IN SIX YEARS, ON TUESDAY PROCLAIMED CHRISTMAS, 1945, "A REAL HOME-COMING TO US ALL, A RETURN TO A WORLD IN WHICH THE HOMELY AND FRIENDLY THINGS OF LIFE CAN AGAIN BE OURS."

Broadcasting from the holly and mistletoe bedecked study where his father inaugurated the Christmas day messages, the King sent a special greeting to "the men and women of every race within the Empire, returning from long services to the ways of peace."

He also greeted "the children, now freed from the unnatural fears of a blacked-out world, celebrating this Christmas in the light of the happiness of a family circle once more reunited."

The King said: "To the younger of you I would say a special word. Do not judge life by what you have seen of it in the grimness and waste of war, nor yet by the confusion of the first years of peace. Have faith in life at its best and bring to it your courage, your hopes, and your sense of humour." Associated Press.

## 17 DEAD IN XMAS TRAGEDY

HARTFORD, DEC. 27.—A CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE IN A SMALL INSTITUTION FOR CONVALESCENTS AND CHRONICALLY ILL BROUGHT DEATH TO 17 PERSONS LAST NIGHT AND SENT 27 TO HOSPITAL, SEVERAL IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

Thirteen of the dead were women and two men. Most were residents of the Hartford area.

The tree flared up when the nurse unhooked the extension cord leading to the lights and within a few minutes the interior of the three-story brick building was a mass of flames.

With the exception of two kitchen employees, all the dead were patients. Associated Press.

## CROSSING TRAGEDY

Gaffney, S. Carolina, Dec. 27.—Seven persons were killed instantly in a collision between an automobile in which they were riding and a southern railway passenger train near here Christmas Day. Officials said a freezing rain and poor visibility were to blame. Associated Press.

## MINERS TRAPPED

Cloedde, Kentucky, Dec. 27.—From 50 to 60 miners are believed to have been trapped in a coal mine about two miles back following an explosion which apparently closed the shaft. Associated Press.

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## GOODWILL GESTURE

The agreement between Britain and France for the complete withdrawal of the military forces of both sides from the Levant ends a most uncomfortable and unhappy situation and ensures close co-operation in the future. The chief cause of the friction, which earlier this year, compelled Britain to intervene against France to prevent the Arab League from resorting to open hostilities in support of Syrian and Lebanese national em, resided in the failure of Britain and France to coordinate their policies towards the Arab world. Only the future can decide whether French policy in the Levant States or British policy in Egypt and Iraq was, in the first resort, better fitted to promote harmonious relations between the western Powers and the Middle East. But recent events have shown only too clearly that to pursue both policies simultaneously was fatal. British policy, save for anxieties over Zionism, has been preferred by the rising forces of Arab nationalism, which showed themselves unduly sceptical of French good faith because France had not endeavoured to promote the interests of her mandated territories along the precise lines favoured by her ally. From this divergence a whole chain of evil consequences followed. The Arab nationalist movement singled France out for attack; France resented resistance to her influence; was inclined to question the reality and importance of Arab nationalism, and was convinced that her difficulties arose only from the hidden hand of British intrigue. Britain, observing the difficulties to which she was exposed by the resentment of the Arab countries against the policy of France perhaps too readily concluded that this policy was inspired only by a determination to cling to a historic connection. The Levant Republics found it to their interest to magnify the contrast between French and British policies and they have tended to show themselves less and less ready to make the concessions which a final solution of the difficulties would demand from them as well as from each of the other parties. France and Britain have now made a move in agreement which should disarm Levant suspicions and permit of yet fuller harmony in relations.

## Constable Refused Duty

A Shanghai Police constable No. D320, Cheung Pei-too, attached to Central Police Station, was charged before Mr. A. C. Acland at the Summary Military Court yesterday with refusing duty on December 22.

Accused pleaded not guilty.

It was alleged that accused failed to report for duty after he was given two days' leave on December 14. He should have reported for duty on December 16. When asked why he had not reported for duty, his answer was: "I refused to work for the British."

According to Inspector Moran, accused reported for duty after the re-occupation of the Colony and was stationed at Central Police Station. He was on Sept. 9 admitted to hospital and was discharged on Dec. 14. Leave for two days was granted on the recommendation of a medical certificate.

Accused was seen by Chinese Sub-Inspector Si Wai-ming, on Dec. 22, and was taken to Central at 12.30 p.m. Through an interpreter, accused said: "I refused to work for the British." Accused was then placed under arrest and was told that he would be charged.

Accused, in the witness box, refused to swear according to the declaration given to him in Court, and wished to take the oath in his own way. This was refused by the Court.

He then said: "That is why I don't like to work for the British. I cannot have my own way! Besides I am not satisfied with the management, I prefer to go back to China."

He was then warned by Mr. Acland to behave himself and confine himself to facts concerning the case.

After further evidence, Mr. Acland found accused guilty.

Inspector Moran said he was instructed to ask the Court to impose a prison sentence, without the option of a fine.

## HONG KONG CELEBRATES IN ATMOSPHERE OF GOODWILL

## BLACK MARKET DRIVE

Shanghai, Dec. 27. Confiscation of all United States government property dumped in the Shanghai black-market has been ordered by the Army authorities here. Criminal investigation agents have been authorized to arrest civilians as well as military suspects. —Associated Press.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## BUS SERVICE TO POKFULAM

Sir,—May I, through your esteemed paper, ask the officers, who are in control of transport, to consider the provision of a bus service for Pokfulam? Before the war, there was a regular service from the Victoria Ferry Wharf to the Queen Mary Hospital. One realizes that, owing to the shortage of vehicles, Government has not been able to resume all the bus services. However, a service to the Queen Mary Hospital is a most urgent need. Not only are affected residents in the district, particularly children, who have to go to school, but also members of the Dairy Farm and hospital staffs, persons who have relatives or friends as patients in the hospital and those, who, themselves, may have to call at the hospital for treatment.

Until more vehicles are available, a bus or even a converted truck running between the Police Station, West Point (at the corner of Western Street and Des Voeux Road) and Queen Mary Hospital would serve the purpose.

The above suggestion is earnestly recommended to the authorities for their kind consideration and approval.

Yours faithfully,  
RESIDENT

## Magistrate Criticises Complainants In Robbery

"THE COURT WISHES IT TO BE KNOWN THAT IT HOLDS NO HIGH OPINION OF THE MASTER AND FOKS OF THE CHEUNG SHING PIG DEALERS SHOP WHO WERE SUPINE ENOUGH TO BE DETERRED BY THE ACCUSED AND HIS ACCOMPLICES FROM MAKING A REPORT OF THE ROBBERY TO THE POLICE."

THE ABOVE CRITICISM WAS LEVELLED BY THE STANDING MAGISTRATE YESTERDAY AT ONE OF THE COMPLAINANTS IN AN ARMED ROBBERY CASE FOR FAILURE IN REPORTING THE ROBBERY, COMMITTED ON DEC. 1, TO THE POLICE AUTHORITIES.

The Court comprised Mr. Leo d'Almada (President), Mr. D. H. Blake and Mr. Horace Lee. Mr. F. X. d'Almada and Det. Sub-Insps. J. R. Sykes were for the prosecution.

The case was that in which an unemployed Chinese, Chung Hei, 24, was charged on two counts with armed robbery. The first count was that, on Nov. 29, at Room No. 312 of the Sun Sun Hotel, he robbed Lui Kwai of two gold rings, a wrist watch and \$120, and Yuen Mui of \$520 and C.N.\$100,000.

On the second count he was charged with robbing the master and foks of the Cheung Shing pig dealers shop, of No. 99, Tung Choi Street, of \$1,800.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that at about 10 p.m. on Nov. 29 Lui Kwai on returning to his room following a telephone call was forced to open the door to two Chinese men. The men produced revolvers and started to search the occupants. They took from Lui Kwai the rings and watch. On Yuen Mui they found nothing but a key to the wardrobe in which they got the N.C.\$100,000.

Regarding the second robbery, Mr. d'Almada said that on Dec. 1 at about 8.30 p.m. accused, with others not in custody entered the Cheung Shing shop and held up the occupants. They proceeded to search the foks. They got the key to the safe and took the money.

Before leaving, the robbers warned the manager and others not to report the matter to the Police and accused was arrested, on information, on board a junk lying off Kowloon.

Passing sentence Mr. Leo d'Almada said: "The Court wishes it to be known that it holds no high opinion of the master and foks of the Cheung Shing pig-dealers shop who were supine enough to be deterred by the accused and his accomplices from making a report of the robbery to the Police."

CIVIC-MINDED

"Conduct of this kind is not calculated to help in the maintenance of law and order in this Colony and in these days when the police are short-handed it is particularly desirable that people should be civically minded and co-operate at least to the extent of reporting to the police crimes which have been committed."

"As regards sentence, accused seems to have embarked on a career of crime. Were it not for information of the first robbery at least he would still be exploiting the people of Kowloon in the way he has done in these two robberies. The robberies were perpetrated within two days of one another despite the fact that both in this court and in the summary courts offences such as robberies and larcenies have been visited by very heavy penalties."

"There is no possibility of considering accused's request that he be banished as that he could, we presume, pursue his career somewhere else."

"He will instead go to prison on the first count for seven years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane. On charge B he will go to prison for eight years' with hard labour and also receive six strokes of the cane. The sentences will be concurrent but the whipping will be 12 strokes in all."

## Aerial Santa

Tientsin, Dec. 27. American marines on guard duty along the Peking-Mukden railway between Tientsin and Chinwangtao were visited today by an aerial "Santa Claus."

Marine fliers dropped packages prepared by the Red Cross. Each package contained turkey, candy, cigarettes and reading matter. —Associated Press.

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## NOON TIME SIGNAL

The Naval Authorities announce that until further notice, H.M.S. Duke of York will fire a gun at noon each day.

In pre-war days, guns were fired at noon by the Duke of York and by H.M.S. Temeraire at 9 p.m. Other signals were the firing of a gun from the Blackheath above the Duke of York and the firing of a gun from the Blackheath above the Duke of York.

## CHINESE EXCHANGE

Chungking, Dec. 27. The Government Spokesman, P. H. Chang, told a press conference today that the question of establishing a realistic exchange rate in China, was still under consideration.

The Chinese press credited the Ministry of Finance with a statement branding as completely groundless reports that a new currency would be introduced on Jan. 1. —Associated Press.

## Inquest On Seaman

An inquest was held on Christmas Eve in Kowloon into the death of Q. M. Kenneth MacPhail, S.S. "Port Duvignau", by Lt. Nigel. There was no jury.

The deceased was missing from his ship off Kowloon Bay on the early morning of November 10. The body was found on the beach near Kowloon Decks by Ng Dr. R. E. Alvarez, who examined the body, testified that he found no evidence of foul play. Death was believed to be by accidental drowning.

Lt. Nigel found that death was caused by accidental drowning, probably when the deceased attempted to reach his boat and slipped into the water.

## Commando Killed

REFM. H. M. J. COOK, OF NO. 5 COMMANDO, WAS KILLED WHEN A JEEP, OF WHICH HE WAS THE ONLY OCCUPANT, RAN OVER THE EMBANKMENT ON THE FANLING-TAIPU ROAD ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the No. 5 Commando Chaplain, the Rev. Arthur Colleshaw, officiating at the graveside.

Among those who attended was Brig. H. D. Follis, Commanding Officer of 3 Commando Brigade.

## COST OF LIVING HIGHER

The official cost of living index figures issued by Government, to be used as the basis for the wages sliding scale, has since the first week in December shown a tendency to rise.

Increases in the cost of fish and pork are primarily responsible.

Figures for the last three weeks follow:

Commodities	Cattle	Week ending 8. 12. 45	Week ending 15. 12. 45	Week ending 22. 12. 45	Week ending 29. 12. 45
Rice	7.5	\$ 1.4400	\$ 1.4400	\$ 1.4400	
Vegetables	1.0	.9550	1.0250	.9500	
Salt Cabbage	2	1.420	1.420	1.380	
Oil	7	1.4560	1.0820	1.070	
Tea	2	.9420	.9600	.9600	
Salt Fish	2	.3810	.5260	.6720	
Flour	4	.4040	.4160	.8520	
Pork	3	.9510	.9690	1.1430	
Fruit	10.0	1.1000	.9000	.9000	
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		\$ 8.0650	\$ 8.7370	\$ 9.8720	

## Tenancy Tribunals Sit

THE KOWLOON TENANCY TRIBUNALS WERE VERY BUSY YESTERDAY WHEN TWO COURTS WERE IN SESSION WITH MESSRS. F. X. D'ALMADA, F. C. MOW-FUNG AND WONG SEK-CHUNG IN THE "A" COURT AND HORACE LO, FR. GRANELLI AND H. M. SHIU IN COURT "B."

The first case in "A" involved Tam Fat, owner of 14, Mongkok Road, who represented by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, applied for an order of eviction against Kok Yuen Ki, tenant of the premises.

The applicant through Mr. Kwan testified that before the war Kok was not the tenant. In 1942, the Japanese ordered the tenants of the first three floors to vacate the premises. Policemen shifted in and took over the flats. The opponent was a policeman and hence moved into the third floor.

IN 1944 the owner went to collect rent but was refused. Later he asked for a rent of ten yen but the opponent only paid him four. The opponent said that he was not willing to pay the present rent of \$41. He was ordered to be evicted from the premises before the end of this month.

HIGHER RENT

Leon Kai, agent for the owner of No. 98, Cheung Sha Wan Road, was the applicant in the next case. He said that the ground floor was rented to Leung Kam and over the death, the opponent, Tse Cha, took over the premises. Tse refused to pay any rent to him. However, on examination, Tse could produce receipts and proved that he was the son of Leung Kam. Tse testified that he had offered to pay rent to the owner as well as to Leon but they would not accept any rent less than \$60. The "pre-war" rent was only \$39.

The Chairman said that anybody demanding more rent than that paid before the war was liable to be punished. The application was refused and the rent fixed at only \$39.

The other cases were with drawn as the opposite parties reached an agreement out of Court.

## GUIDERS MEETING

The Guiders' Meeting arranged for today had now been postponed to the following Friday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. in the Fire Brigade Hall.

## 11,000 Communists In Kwangtung

CANTON, DEC. 27. KUOMINTANG SOURCES SAID TODAY THEY ESTIMATED 11,000 WELL ARMED COMMUNIST ADHERENTS ARE SCATTERED THROUGH THREE SPECIFIC KWANGTUNG PROVINCE AREAS. THERE ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 6,000 ALONG THE EAST RIVER VALLEY, MOSTLY AROUND WAICHOW, APPROXIMATELY 2,000 IN CHUNGSHAN COUNTY, SOUTH-WEST OF CANTON, AND OVER 3,000 IN FUNG-HUAN COUNTY, ALSO ON THE EAST RIVER SOUTH-EAST OF CANTON. THEY ARE REPORTED TO BE ADEPT AT MUSTERING AND DISPERSING QUICKLY WHEN OCCASION ARISES.

The 12th group army, which has garrisoned north Kwangtung and the East River and has kept the irregulars in check, will shortly be transferred to Chekiang.

Police intelligence officers believed numerous minor Red agitators still are in Canton after recent infiltration, but most of the 85 suspects rounded up in December raids are primarily irregulars or bandits claiming allegiance to the Communist cause.

Reports from outlying Kwangtung areas conflict sharply on practices of the so-called Communists. They are reported to be collecting taxes and "protection" money. Some described them as democratic administrators while critics label them as bandit types.

MORE RUMOURS

The new first army is reported to have swept the Canton-Kowloon railway free of Communists or other irregulars who were causing trouble with their minor forays.

The Chinese military increased guards around the American billet area and airport installations over Christmas after rumours that Chinese irregulars might attempt to provoke and incident. Nothing untoward occurred, however.

Similar rumours circulated three weeks ago, but nothing happened then.

Most American officers were invited Christmas Eve to a party given by Lt. Gen. Sun Li-jen, hero of the Burma campaign and commanding general of the American-equipped first army. —Associated Press.

The body of an unknown Chinese woman was found floating near the Star Ferry wharf early on Wednesday morning. She was dressed in black and appeared to be from a respectable family.

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# KUOMINTANG AND RUSSIA

## Communists Urge More Confidence In Relations

### Mao's Statement Of Faith

(By John Roderick).

YENAN, DEC. 27. THE CHINESE AT THIS COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS HOLD THAT ONLY A THOROUGH SOLUTION OF PACIFIC PROBLEMS IS REACHED.

THAT HAS BEEN THE TENSOR OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL TALKS I HAVE HAD WITH PARTY AND MILITARY MEN DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS. IT WAS DEFINITELY STATED BY THE PARTY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE TUNG'S REPORT TO THE PARTY CONGRESS BEFORE THE END OF THE WAR.

"We hold," Mao said, "that the Kuomintang should end its hostile attitude toward the Soviet Union and immediately improve relations between China and the Soviet Union."

Mao asserted that Russia was not only the first nation to recognize the National Government of China and make new ones but was the first to supply aid to China in the war against Japan.

Communists here have given wholehearted endorsement to the Sino-Russian Treaty which gives the Soviet Union control of the important Manchurian railway in Manchuria as well as commercial rights to the port of Dairen and the right to fortify Port Arthur.

NO CONFIDENCE. They insist that the Kuomintang have shown no such confidence in Russia although the

recent gestures of help by Russia in the National Government effort to regain Manchuria probably eased some suspicions.

While accepting Russian professions of amity under the Sino-Soviet treaty, the Chinese Communists nevertheless request the Allied Governments "not to allow their foreign policies to go against the will of the Chinese people."

Before the Japanese surrender, the question of American intervention arose and Mao declared that any foreign government would commit a grave mistake if it supported "Chinese reactionary elements" who oppose the democratic cause of the Chinese people.

This came at a time when Russia was supporting the Kuomintang to the exclusion of the Chinese Communists.

BASIC PRINCIPLES. Does all this indicate that the Chinese Communists have had a basic principle against the United States and a particular liking for Russia?

The Communists insist it doesn't. They say capitalist nations believed for 20 years that Russia was the centre of a plot for a world revolution which these nations still fear.

They cite in support of the latter contention Anglo-American reluctance to disclose the secret of the atomic bomb.

They claim these fears of Russia are hardly worth mentioning and that the suspicions are unfounded.

Mao says the Russian brand of communism with a proletarian dictatorship and a one-party system has no part in the plans of the Chinese Communists who believe that China needs a democratic state embracing several democratic classes.

KOREA AND INDIA. The Communists also endorse the independence claims of Korea and India. They profess to hope that Britain, United States, France and the Netherlands will give independence to Burma, Malaya and Indo-China.

As to Siam they believe it should be dealt with the same way as the Fascist satellites in Europe. Associated Press.

### THE THREE MONKEYS

San Francisco, Dec. 27. The San Francisco Chronicle in an editorial quip following the conviction of Lt. Gen. Yamashita and his sentence to hang for atrocities committed by his troops in the Philippines said: "The three monkeys that spoke no evil, heard no evil and saw no evil will kindly move over and make room for Yamashita." Associated Press.

### C-IN-C'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In his Christmas Day broadcast over ZBW, H. E. Rear Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt said:

The first Christmas message to this world was "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men" or as some more recent translations have put it "Peace on earth, good will to men" and it is certain that there can be no peace on earth except between men of goodwill. And the outstanding feature of Christmas is that every one tries to express goodwill at any rate during this great festival in order to secure permanent peace it is necessary for every day to be one of goodwill.

As part of my contribution towards all those who have contributed so much towards the reconstruction of the Colony of Hong Kong during the past four months, I would like to thank all of you in the Armed Forces and in the Civil Administration for the very good work that has been put into the task and especially for the excellent team spirit that has been shown. But I am sure that everyone in the Forces and in the Administration will agree with me that it would not have been possible to accomplish even that which we have done without the excellent co-operation, initiative, resourcefulness and goodwill of the great population of the Colony. I would like to stress this point and to thank every one of you who has contributed his or her share to our rehabilitation. Speaking for myself, I would like to add what a real pleasure it has been to work with you all.

GOING FORWARD

We have accomplished something of which we need not be ashamed, but we must not be satisfied with that. We must continue to press on. As many of you know, there is no such thing in nature as a status quo. Everything is either going forward or going backward. Hence the importance of always making certain that we are going forward. There are many difficulties ahead. There are many problems that we have not yet been able to solve. We don't pretend that we have been able to get through this period without making any mistakes and I dare say that there are many of you who feel that you have complaints. Justifiable complaints. I would only add that we are doing our best to remedy them, and to-night would ask you to pause and remember some of the good that has been accomplished. Possibly you may be happier.

But now I would like to turn to another aspect of Christmas Day. Four years ago today Hong Kong surrendered and many of you may be thinking of Christmas Day as the day of surrender. To many of you on this Christmas Day especially may come sad memories of those who fell—who gave their lives that liberty might once more walk the world. To those of you who feel thus I would say this—The surrender of Hong Kong and those four years of bondage were whilst the Christmas message will live forever. I would therefore pray you to keep constantly in mind this Christmas message and you will find sadness disappear whilst proud memories may remain.

EVIL A NEGATION

For I am convinced that evil is a negation—like darkness, and can be destroyed by the light of Truth. When you bring a little into a dark room the light destroys the darkness. The darkness doesn't escape out of the window or door, to go and make some other place dark. It is just destroyed. In the same way the light of Truth will destroy the darkness of evil of all sorts, including sorrow and sadness. Think therefore on the great spiritual Truth which Christ Jesus revealed to the world and you will be strengthened.

To all of you I would say this. Let us this day resolve to work together for the good of all mankind. In the long run none really benefits by gaining temporarily at the expense of his neighbour whilst if we all work together as neighbours of goodwill, everyone will benefit. We have a unique position here in Hong Kong—the Chinese and the British working side by side—each loyal to his own country, yet with a primary duty to the Colony which is our home. With wisdom and goodwill I am

### Christmas Passes Without Truce

CHUNGKING, DEC. 26. CHRISTMAS CAME TO CHINA WITHOUT THE HOPE FOR TRUCE. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CONFIRMED THEY HAD STILL NOT PUT IN WRITING THEIR ORAL PROPOSAL OF DEC. 19 FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL TRUCE, WITH THE POSITIONS OF BOTH THE NATIONALIST AND COMMUNIST FORCES "FROZEN."

THEY EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSED TRUCE APPLIED TO MANCHURIA AS WELL AS CHINA PROPER. ASKED HOW MANCHURIA COULD BE REOCCUPIED BY THE CHINESE IF THE POSITION OF THE TWO SIDES WERE "FROZEN," THE COMMUNISTS SAID THAT ANY NATIONALIST TROOP MOVEMENTS THERE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THEIR AGREEMENT.

Their proposed truce, they asserted, had not been put in writing because this had not been requested. They took the stand that the offer they had made was good and firm and that no further action on their part was necessary until they had received the government's reply.

A Nationalist dispatch alleged that the Communists plotted to seize the important rail junction of Shihchiachuang with the use of undisciplined Japanese troops there.

It asserted that the conspiracy called for the Japanese to synchronize a rising with the projected Japanese attack.

Another Nationalist dispatch reported that the inhabitants of the Inner Mongolian city of Kweisui, capital of Suiyuan province, staged a mammoth celebration on Sunday to commemorate the lifting of the Communist siege. Features included a meeting attended by 190,000 persons and review by General Fubai, commander of the 12th War Zone.

The Christmas celebrations in Chungking included a cocktail party given last evening by Brigadier General Russell Ramdall, commander of the American forces in Chungking.

G.I.s developed a new belief in the powers of Santa Claus when 75 bottles of whiskey arrived from Shanghai for them. The whiskey was placed on sale at nominal prices at "Doll" Pub." Associated Press.

### U.S. Army Demonstration In Manila

MANILA, DEC. 27. FOUR THOUSAND DEMONSTRATING SOLDIERS OF THE U.S. ARMY MARCHED ON TO THE 21ST REPLACEMENT DEPOT HEADQUARTERS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE CANCELLATION OF THEIR SCHEDULED TRANSPORT SAILING FOR HOME. THE SOLDIERS CARRIED BANNERS PROCLAIMING "WE WANT SHIPS."

They were met by Colonel J. C. Campbell, depot commander. He ordered them to return to barracks. After listening to a brief talk by Colonel Campbell the men remained around for about ten minutes and then filtered back to their quarters.

A spokesman for the men said that another mass protest meeting would be held to-day. The cancellation of the assignment of the transport "Admiral Sims" precipitated the demonstration.

Campbell complained that the transport was withdrawn in connection with the consolidation of the 21st and 29th replacement depots.

The Army now has "Daily Pacifican" quoted Campbell as follows: "You men forget you are not working for General Motors. You are still in the Army."

Army sources said that troops capable of carrying 251,000 men had been assigned to the Western Pacific for January, although only 70,000 will be eligible to return home. Associated Press.

### SENATOR'S PLAN TO END STRIKES

Washington, Dec. 27. Suggestion that the Labour Union should be made liable for any damage resulting from strikes in violation of contracts came from Senator Wiley, Republican of Wisconsin.

"That should do away with possible strikes," Wiley told a reporter, adding that he believed such step alone would "practically solve" the strike problem.

Wiley said he intends to discuss the proposal in the Senate when Congress convenes on Jan. 14. Associated Press.

sure that we can prove to the world that we can maintain our individual loyalties and at the same time be loyal to each other here in Hong Kong. In this way both our countries will benefit and we can set an example to the world which so sadly needs peace and unity. Let this then be my Christmas message to you.

### President Defies Xmas Elements

INDEPENDENCE, MISS., DEC. 26.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN YES-TERDAY LANDED AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMPLETING A HAZARDOUS AND DELAYED AIR TRIP FROM WASHINGTON TO KEEP IN CONTACT HIS 27-YEAR-OLD CUSTOM OF SPENDING CHRISTMAS DAY WITH HIS FAMILY IN HIS HOME TOWN.

The huge Presidential plane "Sacred Cow" arrived five hours and 40 minutes after taking off from Washington national airport. Only one stop was made at St. Louis by the four-engine C-54 which flew through headwinds in new weather.

Smiling the President walked amid cheers of waiting crowds carrying a wrapped Christmas package and a bundle of official papers that indicated that his visit which is expected to last until Friday would not at all be a vacation.

Truman, after waving to friends, calling several by name, entered the auto to drive to his home where the long delayed Christmas dinner had been kept warm on the back of the stove. Associated Press.

### Java Famine Danger

The Hague, Dec. 27. "Enough Dutch ships may be available to carry rice, which is to be rushed to Java to relieve the famine situation there," Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Dutch East Indies, stated in an interview at The Hague to-day.

Dr. van Mook contradicted the recent statement by Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, the Premier of the Indonesian Republic, that the Java food shortage was less serious than stated in Dutch reports.

Famine threats, he said, were especially serious in central Java. The cooperation of the Indonesians, he added, will be necessary for the distribution of rice imports.

Referring to the reports of the withdrawal of Dutch native troops from Java, Dr. van Mook said that there had never been any question of such a withdrawal. Reuter.

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### Peiping Opium Seizure

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Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered public destruction of the opium after a meeting of Municipal Government officials, civic leaders, Catholic priests and Chinese and American officials decided that 60,000 ounces would be sufficient to be preserved for medicinal purposes.

Hundreds of opium dens have been closed during the past four months and the Central Government had announced that smokers can be sent to death for a third violation of the anti-opium laws. They will face a sentence on conviction. Associated Press.

Canton, Dec. 26. Telephone communication between Canton and Shikow, the wartime provincial capital, has been re-established.

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## Little Glass Eye Tells His Story

Yokohama, Dec. 27.  
Prison Guard Takao Tsuchiya  
admitted to the witness stand to-  
day he "struck prisoners eight or  
nine times with his open hand,"  
but denied charges of brutality, as  
the defense rested its case and  
Japan's first war crime trial near-  
ed a decision.

Tsuchiya denied prosecution  
allegations that he used his fists  
or blunt weapons against Ameri-  
can prisoners and declared he did  
not recollect Private First Class  
Robert Gordon Tamm, whose death  
he is charged with causing in a  
brutal beating.

The short, stocky Japanese,  
called "Little Glass Eye" by the  
prisoners, was on the witness  
stand for two and a half hours  
as the trial resumed after a  
Christmas recess.

The decision of the American  
military tribunal was expected to  
come today or tomorrow.

Tsuchiya testified as part of  
his defense that injuries to his  
shoulder and hand in the China  
war, when he was a corporal,  
still caused him trouble, but un-  
der interrogation by a commis-  
sioner, when asked how much  
food he carried to camp, admitted  
being able to shoulder about 18  
pounds. Associated Press.

### FIRST 100,000

Tientsin, Dec. 26.  
The first 100,000 Japanese have  
been repatriated by U.S. marines  
from North China and at the  
present rate it is possible that all  
the estimated 350,000 in the North  
China area controlled by the  
marines will be out in another  
three months.

During the period to Dec. 18,  
25,000 Chinese were returned from  
Japan on Japanese merchant  
vessels and Navy L.S.T.s (amphibious  
landing ships) which are  
being used to repatriate the  
Japanese. Associated Press.

Athens, Dec. 26.  
The government here has re-  
quisitioned all Greek cement fac-  
tories and the big chemical fertil-  
izer glassworks at Piraeus. The  
action is designed to increase  
production as an initial step in  
the new reconstruction pro-  
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THIS DATE A DEPARTMENT UNDER THE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY  
CALLED "STANDARD GOLD BAR BUREAU". THIS BUREAU IS INCORPORATED BY  
THE NATIVE BANKERS AND GOLD BAR DEALERS. THE MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED  
TO DEPOSIT CASH SECURITIES AS WELL AS MUTUAL GUARANTEES FROM OTHERS.  
OUR AIM IS TO PRODUCE STANDARD GOLD BARS OF UNIFORM FINENESS TO BE  
CHECKED AND STAMPED BY OUR OFFICIAL SEAL. WE HOPE TO PRODUCE SUCH  
STANDARDIZED GOLD BARS IN THE MARKET SO AS TO FACILITATE A FREE DEAL-  
ING AMONG OUR MEMBERS AS WELL AS WITH THE PUBLIC IN GOOD FAITH AND  
CONFIDENCE.

MEMBERS OF THE "STANDARD GOLD BAR BUREAU" ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

Mr. Shing Loong	63, Bonham Strand, E.	Ying Shuen	45, Bonham Strand, E.
Loi Hing	42, Bonham Strand, E.	Kwong On	109, Queen's Road, C.
San Shing	52, Bonham Strand, E.	Wing Tai	95, Queen's Road, C.
Ang Koon Tang & Co.	55, Des Voeux Road, C.	Lu Hing Hop	121, Des Voeux Road, C.
Pat Cheong	118, Des Voeux Road, C.	Chong Koo	110, Queen's Road, C.
Yang Seng	181, Queen's Road, C.	Tai Seng	105, Wing Lok Street, W.
Wing Lung	112, Queen's Road, C.	Wing Ming	71, Bonham Strand, E.
Yui Koo	31, Bonham Strand, E.	Wing Poong	71, Bonham Strand, E.
Yao Hing	31, Bonham Strand, E.	Nan Wah	29, Jervois Street.
Choy Koo	75, Bonham Strand, E.	Wing Wah	70, Wing Lok Street.
On Tai			

## THE GOLD & SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY

## CHINA'S BILL FOR OCCUPATION

Paris, Dec. 27.  
France may soon react sharply  
over the bill China is sending her  
for occupying northern Indochina.  
The French say the  
Chinese demands per month are  
more than Indochina the Japa-  
nese asked a year ago.  
The French are also irked at  
the Americans for helping the  
Chinese occupation troops go back  
to China before the French have  
enough troops inside the colony  
to take over. Associated Press.

## TALK OF AN OLD ISSUE'S REVIVAL

NEW YORK, DEC. 27.  
A STATEMENT THAT AN  
"ISSUE" AROSE IN MOSCOW  
OVER THE REPRESENTA-  
TION OF THE BRITISH DO-  
MINIONS AT THE PEACE  
CONFERENCE, IS MADE BY  
JAMES RESTON, WASH-  
INGTON CORRESPONDENT OF  
THE "NEW YORK TIMES."

He writes: "The Russians took  
a firm line against the British  
dominions, arguing that Aus-  
tralia, Canada, South Africa and  
New Zealand were not independ-  
ent and could be represented at  
the general peace conference by  
the British."

Both Mr. Byrnes, United States  
Secretary of State, and Mrs.  
Bevin, British Foreign Minister,  
opposed this view vigorously,  
pointing to the fact that one  
British Dominion, Elze, had  
exercised independence to the point  
of staying out of the war alto-  
gether.

The Russians countered this by  
saying that if the British Domi-  
nions and India were admitted,  
various Soviet Republics should  
have separate representation.

Again the United States and  
Britain opposed this view by  
saying that if the Soviet Union  
insisted on trying to get six votes  
the United States would have to  
get representation from each of  
the 48 American States. Reuter.

### CANTON WAR TROPHIES

Canton, Dec. 26.  
An exhibition of war trophies  
is to be held in Canton from  
Jan. 1 to 6, at the premises which  
formerly housed the Kuo Chung  
Middle School in Man Tak Road.  
It is the first exhibition of its  
kind since the end of the war, and  
a large variety of exhibits will be  
on display. Our Own Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 27.  
Two House groups plan to leave  
early January for Japan and  
various Pacific islands. Those  
groups will be seeking information  
regarding the strength of  
naval bases and redemptive of  
service forces and surplus naval  
goods. Associated Press.

## Rudolf Hess Turns Towards Religion

NUERNBERG, DEC. 25.  
RUDOLF HESS, ONE OF THE FOUR NUERNBERG DEFEN-  
DANTS WHO PROFESSES NO ATTACHMENT TO ANY  
CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION, IS BEGINNING TO  
SHOW INTEREST IN RELIGION.  
AS PREPARATIONS WERE COMPLETED FOR SPECIAL  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE GRIM, GRAY STONE  
JAIL, HESS INDICATED TO THE CHAPLAINS THAT  
HE WAS INTERESTED BUT SO FAR HELD BACK  
BECAUSE HE FELT THAT HE WOULD BE SUBJECT  
TO CRITICISM IF HE BEGAN ATTENDING RELIGI-  
OUS SERVICES ONLY AFTER GOING ON TRIAL FOR  
HIS LIFE.

Since the beginning of the  
Tribunal's holiday recess,  
several defendants spent most  
of their time studying to pre-  
pare for their defence. Most  
of the defence lawyers have gone  
home for Christmas and only a  
few visited their clients.

In line with previous plans,  
the prisoners will dine to-day on  
the ordinary prisoner of war

fare eaten from the army mess  
kitchen. The ban on their receiv-  
ing parcels still stands.  
A defence organ was set up in  
the chapel cell where the chap-  
lain, Captain Henry Gerecks,  
of St. Louis, Missouri, will hold  
evangelical Lutheran services  
for 13 of the Nazi defendants  
professing that faith.

Some of them, however, had  
already informed the chaplain  
that they were not interested in  
singing Christmas carols be-  
cause "we are too old for that."  
Gerecks will read a story from  
the second chapter of St. Luke.  
Meanwhile, for the Catholic pris-  
oners, Franz von Papen, Hans  
Frank and Arthur Seyes In-  
quart, a mass will be said to-  
day and to-morrow morning.  
Kaltenbrunner, who is also a  
Catholic, is still in hospital suf-  
fering from a cranial hemor-  
rhage. His condition was re-  
ported to be good. Associated  
Press.

## HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY!

Chicago, Dec. 27.  
The Municipal Judge here told  
Henry Mason, junk peddler, that  
he was going to free him on a  
charge of blocking the traffic with  
a push cart. Mason said he want-  
ed a jury trial.  
The judge explained: "You can  
go home. You are free."  
Mason insisted: "I want twelve  
good men to hear my case."  
The judge set the hearing for

## Big Cairo Drug Ring Broken Up

(By Haig Nicholson, Reuter's Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, DEC. 27.  
THE CIVIL AND MILITARY POLICE HERE HAVE  
BROKEN UP A HIGHLY ORGANISED GANG OF SMUG-  
GLERS. IT WAS DISCLOSED IN A SERIES OF COURT-  
MARTIALS. OPIUM, WORTH £38,000 WERE SEIZED  
FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF THE RING.  
ALREADY A JEWISH LIEUTENANT, A JEWISH COR-  
PORAL AND PRIVATE AND A BRITISH DRIVER WITH  
THE RANK OF LANCE-CORPORAL, HAVE BEEN  
TRIED AND CONVICTED.

Another Jewish Lieutenant  
and another private are still to be  
tried. One Lieutenant was  
previously tried in Palestine on a  
charge of being in possession  
of drugs but was acquitted.

According to the story told at  
the Court Martial, a military  
vehicle driven by a British  
driver succeeded in smuggling  
quantities of drugs into Egypt  
and when they did not get the  
sufficiently high prices they  
wanted, they decided to do the  
marketing themselves.

They brought a large consignment  
of hashish and opium from  
the Levant to Egypt and  
told the Egyptian ring, who  
were waiting for fresh supplies,  
that their vehicle had broken  
down in the Sinai Desert and  
the illicit cargo had been left  
alone to prevent detection.

### RUSSELL PASHA INTERVENES

The Jewish military gang, it  
was stated, then asked a Greek  
civilian to sell for them all the  
drugs. He enlisted another  
civilian who was working for  
the Police and who disclosed the  
intended sale.

Detectives of Russell Pasha's  
Central Narcotic Intelligence  
Bureau entered into the pur-  
chase scheme and when the  
transaction was being completed  
in a Cairo hotel, the police made  
a raid and arrested one member  
of the gang and the Greek, and  
seized a suitcase filled with  
drugs.

The same night a strong police  
force raided the camp of a Jew-  
ish brigade at Kaifaren, 65  
miles from Cairo, and picked up  
the other members of the gang.  
Reuter.

## That Johnson Man Again

Washington, Dec. 27.  
Senator Johnson, Democrat of  
Colorado, suggested that the  
proposed loan to Britain be financed  
by a special bond issue which he  
said would bear the loss if the  
British should default. The bonds  
would be offered to the United  
States public with an interest rate  
"exactly what Britain pays."

The people who buy bonds,  
Johnson said, would "take what-  
ever risk there is and accept  
whatever payment Britain makes."

He said that if the American  
people approved of the loans they  
should be willing to buy the bonds  
and if they don't want it "then  
the Government ought not to  
underwrite it."

Johnson said that he intends  
to push the plan as an amendment  
to legislation authorising the  
British loan when it comes up at  
the next session of Congress.—  
Associated Press.

## LEFTISTS EMERGE IN MANILA

Manila, Dec. 26.  
A democratic alliance of the  
Leftist group to-day entered the  
Philippine political arena and called  
a National Convention here on  
Jan. 27 to select candidates for  
President and Vice-President of  
Congress in the April elections.

Lola Tampus, pro-war leader  
of the Manila and Central Luzon  
labour unions, criticised High  
Commissioner Paul McNutt's re-  
cent Shanghai statement that Fili-  
pinos are wavering on their in-  
dependence demand.

Farbue who was a Light-  
General in the Hukbalahap So-  
cialist army during the occupa-  
tion said: "It is the Fascist  
elements, Imperialists and vested  
interests who are against giving  
the Philippines independence."

Juan Felo, Communist Party  
leader and other speakers at a  
mass meeting assailed both Pres-  
ident Sergio Osmeña and Senate  
President Manuel Roxas. They  
said that Roxas favours the rich.  
The Chinese representative at  
the meeting said the Chinese  
want the withdrawal of United  
States troops from China.—Asso-  
ciated Press.

### FRANC RATE CUT

Washington, Dec. 27.  
Secretary of the Treasury Carl  
Vinson to-day said, "A change in  
the franc rate is an essential step  
in the French Programme of  
economic reconversion." It is be-  
lieved generally recognized that the  
foreign exchange value of the  
franc is out of line, said Vinson  
in an open letter to Rene Fleury,  
French Finance Minister. Asso-  
ciated Press.

## BRIDGE NOTES

A deep freeze, preceded by careful  
preparation, enabled South to  
make his game in the hand shown  
below:

North, Dealer  
North-South, vulnerable  
S. A 10 4  
H. K J 10 6  
D. J 10 4  
C. K 9 4

S. Q 9 8 5 2  
H. 7 3  
D. 6 5 3  
C. Q 8 7

N  
W  
E  
S  
S. K J 7 3  
H. 5  
D. A 9 8 7 2  
C. A J 6

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1 D. 1 H. Pass 3 H.  
Pass 4 H. Pass  
Pass

West opened the mix of dia-  
monds. East winning and returning  
the suit. South won with the  
King of diamonds and noted that  
his contract depended on losing no  
more than two club tricks.

He would have no trouble, of  
course, if West held the club Ace  
since then dummy's King would  
win a trick. If East had the  
club Ace (as the bidding indicated  
would be the case) there was danger  
of losing the club King to  
East's Ace and then losing tricks  
to the club Queen and Jack as well.  
To guard against this danger,  
South decided to strip the hand.

His first move was to draw two  
rounds of trumps followed by the  
Ace of spades and a spade ruff.  
Dummy was entered by means of  
a trump and South discarded a  
low club on the Jack of diamonds.  
Another spade ruff gave South the  
lead with the stake set for the de-  
cisive club.

At this point South led a low  
club, and when West played low,  
dummy finessed the nine. East  
won with the Jack and was help-  
less to defeat the contract. An-  
other club lead would establish  
dummy's King of clubs while any  
other lead would allow Declarer  
to ruff in one hand and discard  
a club from the other.

Tuesday you were Mervin  
Maier's partner and, with neither  
side vulnerable, you held:

S. A Q 8 6  
H. A J 9 5  
D. 10 9 7  
C. J 8

The bidding:  
You Schenken Maier Jacoby  
1 S. Pass 1 N T. Pass  
(7)

ANSWER: Pass. You have a  
minimum opening bid, and your  
partner's response shows a weak  
hand. There is no reason, there-  
fore, to raise the bidding level,  
especially since you are as well  
prepared for a no-trump contract  
as for a four-card bid.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 0  
for any other bid.

### QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schen-  
ken's partner and, with neither  
side vulnerable, you hold:

S. K 8  
H. J 9  
D. A 10 9 8 5  
C. A 10 7 5

The bidding:  
Jacoby You Maier Schenken  
1 N T. (7)  
What do you bid? (Answer  
To-morrow).

### THE MIGHTY PALLER!

San Francisco, Dec. 27.  
A street-car crashed into a Navy  
shore patrol wagon on a busy  
down-town street to-day. Dozens  
of sailors on the side-walks lined  
the curb and lustily cheered the  
street car operator.—Associated  
Press.

## Domei Turns Up Under A New Guise

SEOUL, DEC. 26.  
THE LONG HOPED FOR PRESS FREEDOM IN KOREA  
HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE THE AMERICANS  
LANDED IN SEPTEMBER BUT THIS IDEAL ASSUM-  
ED AN ADDED SIGNIFICANCE AND ASPECT OF  
PERMANENCE IN AN AGREEMENT APPROVED  
YESTERDAY BY THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOV-  
ERNMENT.

The American Government re-  
linquished control of the old Domei  
system and turned it over to an  
all-Korean organization and ap-  
proved the important recommen-  
dation that it be operated free of  
Government control—either the  
present American Government or  
the permanent Korean Govern-  
ment yet to be established.

### PROVING PROMISE

Some qualms were expressed on  
the ability of the long subjugated  
Koreans to function judiciously in  
the operation of their own agency.  
But top American Government  
opinion stemming from Major-  
General A. V. Arnold, military  
governor, and Brigadier J. H.  
Sheets, civil administrator, held

that and now is the time to pro-  
ve the promise.

The American Government has  
reorganized Domei with Koreans,  
put it on a firm financial basis and  
approved the Korean suggested  
new name as "Dong Hap."—Asso-  
ciated Press.

## Ships Tied Up

New York, Dec. 26.  
Captain Howlett, Bishop of the  
War Shipping Administration, said  
Atlantic Coast Director, to-day  
said that 110 ships including 12  
troop carriers are tied up in the  
East Coast because of personnel  
shortages.  
An appeal has been sent for  
1,000 officers and several thousand  
experienced seamen to man the  
immobilized ships.—Associated  
Press.

**BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)**  
LEGAL BRANCH  
In re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945.  
SALE BY TENDER (S. 389)

The Administration is prepared to receive bids in writing for the purchase of the undernoted equipment as it stands, at (being Sar Wan Road, Shamshuip).

One—Equipment for a Rice Mill, consisting of:—  
1 Steam Engine, 30 H.P.  
1 Wood burning boiler  
2 Grinding machines  
2 Husks separators  
1 Water tank  
1 Iron sliding door  
1 Wooden frame, etc.

Permission to view can be arranged with Office of Custodian of Property, 4th Floor, Windsor House.

Sealed Tenders in Triplicate should be deposited with the Chairman, Tenders Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs H.Q., C.S.O. Building (Ground Floor), before Noon 7th January 1946.

The Administration does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

R. A. WICKERSON,  
Custodian of Property.  
VICTORIA, 28th December, 1945.

**BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)**  
LEGAL BRANCH  
In re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945.

The Administration is prepared to receive bids in writing for the purchase of the undernoted machinery as they stand, now lying at the North Point Installation of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

One Electric Generating Unit of Japanese manufacture mounted on a common bedplate consisting of:—  
1 6 cylinder Gasoline Engine complete with accessories.  
1—15 K.V.A., 220 V., A.C. Generator, complete with switchboard.

One Air Compressor Unit of Japanese manufacture mounted on a common bedplate consisting of:—  
1 4 cylinder Gasoline Engine direct-coupled to a 2-cylinder air compressor 6 1/2" bore by 6" stroke, complete with 2 air tanks, air hose and accessories.

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Bids are to be made per unit. Sealed Tenders in Triplicate should be deposited with the Chairman, Tenders Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs H.Q., C.S.O. Building (Ground Floor), before noon 7th January 1946.

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## A Vote To End The House Of Lords?

(By Michael Foot)

LONDON, DEC. 27. SOME OBSERVERS HAVE TENDED TO CONTRAST THE MOMENTOUS DEBATES ON THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE "UNREALITY" OF THE VOTE OF CENSURE DISCUSSIONS WHICH PRECEDED THEM. DILETTANTE POLITICAL COMMENTATORS HAVE RUSHED IN TO PROTEST AGAINST THE IRRELEVANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONALISATION PROPOSALS AND OTHER PROJECTS TO THE URGENT PRODUCTION TASKS WHICH CONFRONT THE NATION. LOAN OR NO LOAN.

Will they never learn? Will they never learn the facts which Ernest Bevin so rightly emphasised at the end of his speech?

Britain's plight is not only due to the war. It is also the result of generations of industrial decline. If the great industries of the nation had been properly renovated in the inter-war years our situation today would be incomparably more favourable.

Most serious fact facing our people today is the disease afflicting most of the industries on which Britain's industrial greatness was founded. Coal, cotton, shipbuilding, agriculture, in all these industries and others besides, conditions and prospects were so bad that men were allowed to drift away or compelled to break up their homes and look for security elsewhere.

NO ACCIDENT The worker's faith in his trade was broken. To restore that faith calls for desperate remedies. Loan or no loan they must be driven through with burning energy in order that a new atmosphere may be created and new targets reached in productive output.

It was no accident that the demoralised Tory leaders of the vote of censure debate should have been incapable of any decision about the financial settlement.

The whole debate was a good argument against the House of Lords and the vote might have been one to end that chamber. Reuter.

With a view to making Boxes available again for normal deposit transactions, holders of such boxes in the above Banks are notified that arrangements are now being made to examine the contents. The Public are warned, however, that a large number of the boxes have been forcibly opened by the Japanese.

Application forms, obtainable at the Banks concerned, should be completed and forwarded to Mr. A. Ritchie, Currency and Banking Section, Finance Branch, 2nd Floor, Mercantile Bank Building, 7, Queen's Road Central, on or before THURSDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 1945.

The dates to be fixed for opening the boxes will be advertised late and box holders will be required to attend personally with their keys.

C. G. S. FOLLOWS,  
Chief Financial Adviser,  
Civil Affairs.  
Hong Kong, 19th December, 1945.

**CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH**  
in aid of  
CIN-C's FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF CHINESE DISTRESS  
and  
CHINA RELIEF FUND  
ROYAL NAVY  
versus  
CHINESE.  
SUNDAY, 30th December, 1945  
Kick Off 3.30 P.M.  
Admission: \$5.00 (seats)  
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**ALL-AMERICAN ELEVEN**  
Philadelphia, Dec. 27. Four Army cricketers were named for the American football coaches' association all-American eleven—Hufback Glenn, David Fullback Felix Blanchard, Tackle DuWitt Coulter and Guard Johnny Green. Other members of the honor eleven were: Ends, Richard Duden, Navy, and Max Morris, Northwestern; Tackles, George Seiverson, Penn State, and Warren Amann, Ohio State; Center, Richard Scott, Navy; Quarterback, Oklahoma A. & M.; and, Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's of California. Associated Press.

**BOXER OF THE YEAR**  
New York, Dec. 27. "Ring" magazine named Willie Pop, the Connecticut clown who owns half of the world's featherweight championship, the "boxer of the year" for 1945. The magazine declared the international world lightweight championship vacant and dropped two recognized titleholders—Bob Montgomery and Ike Williams—to fourth and fifth among 135-pounders. The top lightweight went to former featherweight champion Chalky Wright. Associated Press.

## LIVES UP TO HIS NAME

Miami Beach, Dec. 27. A horse named Santa Claus was just what his name implied in the fifth race at the Gulf Stream track on Christmas Day.  
He won the feature race in pay supporters \$330 on their \$2 win tickets. He paid \$470 to place and \$350 to show.—Associated Press.

## FULL SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

(By "ONLOOKER")

A full programme of Softball League matches is down for decision this Sunday, King's Park, and as team strengths are pretty even, forecasting results is somewhat of a problem. The "Playboy" Baseballers appear to be the strongest, although they will face a severe test when they vie for superiority with the Madcaps who are considered next best.

The following are the games for Sunday:—  
Madcaps vs. H.K. Baseball Club—9.30 a.m. sharp.  
Umpires:—"Sunburn" Omar, Robbins and Nip Lum.  
Way Fong Portuguese Association vs. Chung Hwa—10.30 a.m.  
Umpires:—"Doc" Molthen, Nip Lum and Robbins.  
Scorers:—Philo and Hugo Remedios.

The line-up of the four teams will be from the following:—  
Madcaps:—Claude Hollands, Avichi Yvanovitch (Capt.), Sidney Hollands, W. Wilkinson, F. Hollands, Robbie Rocha, Tony Castilho, A. Remedios, Albert Leonard and B. Soares.  
H.K. Baseball Club:—"Doc" Molthen (Manager), Abet Ozorio, "Capone" Rumjahn, Nick Beltrano, Arturo Ozorio, Tony Alves, David "Bambino" Leonard, Rene Sequelara, "Doc" Gosano, Stan Leonard, A. V. "Level" Gosano, "Luigi" Gosano, "Baby" Abbas and "Jindoo" Hussain.

Way Fong Portuguese Association:—M. Souza (Manager), Bertie Gosano, J. A. Soares, Gerry Gosano, Sunny Brown, T. Goncalves, M. Xavier, A. Gutierrez, L. Luz and Enrico Rosario.  
Chung Hwa:—Hocktai Kitchell, Bill Hong, Sling, Wally Ching, Johnny Chan, P. F. Choy, Dick Chung (Capt.), P. K. Lau, Herbie Quon, Junior Mar, David Lo and Nelson Mar.

Note:—The ruling that any teams failing to take the field within quarter of an hour of the time fixed by the League should forfeit their games to the opposites was adopted at a meeting of the H.K. Softball League held recently.

HERE AND THERE  
Ladies and Gentlemen! I give you Miss Lilia "Nightingale" Xavier who has just returned recently from Madrid. She will enchant you with "Ave Maria" and "Adeste Fideles" (in Latin)—music by Gounod. Then she will thrill you with a rendition of "Serenata" (in Italian)—by Tosti and she will bewitch you with "The Last Rose of Summer" (in English)—by Piatow. Music, Maestro, Please! These were the words—words to that effect by which Lilia was introduced at a dance party held on Christmas Eve. And who's Lilia anyway? Don't you know? I didn't suppose you could have forgotten the ball fans' darlings on the diamond. She is the ex-prize trophy of the former unofficial Champs, the "Rangerettes" There's rhythm! There's speed! There's control! I understand she has already signed up for Big Chief Terry Noronha's team.

Rome, Dec. 27. The United States Office of Foreign Liquidation to-day said the Italian Government has paid nearly \$7,750,000,000 for a quantity of surplus army stocks. The sale included 133 locomotives.—Associated Press.

**CROWD DISAPPOINTED**  
A fairly large crowd which turned up on Boxing Day to witness the match arranged between "Montclair" and Kwong Wah were disappointed when the Montclair team failed to arrive because of imminent ship movements plus the drafting of ratings out of the ship at the last minute. Although the Sports Officer of "Montclair" did his best to advise Kwong Wah, he was unable to do so, and the newcomers were closed for the Christmas holidays. Lieut. McAllister, the Sports Officer, has asked us to express regret for the inconvenience to those who turned up and to tender his apologies.

Kwong Wah, also conveying apologies, ask all purchasers of tickets to call at The China Light & Power Co. Ltd., Argyle Street, for their refund.

In view of the uncertainty, the proposed "Triangular Series" is now cancelled.

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## Racing At The Valley

It is learned that over 40 ponies have been entered for the forthcoming Military Race Meeting. Most of them are old racing ponies, well-known to local racegoers. They include Mainsail, Mayfair, Nigger, Bingo, Blue Peter, Mary and Willy.

Morning Gallops have already been resumed in the Course. Final gallop will be on the 31st inst.

There will be five races with 8 starters for each race and ten starters for the 4th race.

For a long while we have not seen racing in Hong Kong, and a large crowd is expected.

Through Tickets are in great demand. To the newcomer to the Colony a Through Ticket means a Through Number on the cash sweep for every race of the Day.

Tokyo, Dec. 27. The 11th Airborne Division and the 41st Division football teams will meet in New Year's Day in a Tokyo bowl game. The winner will play the Hawaiian all-stars on Jan. 26 in the Pan-Pacific Olympic meet.

To reach the Tokyo bowl contest the 11th Airborne team defeated the 1st Cavalry team here with a score of 35-0. The 41st team beat the Army service command 27-2 at Kyoto.—Associated Press.

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Lt. COL. (now General) J. H. Doolittle... First Tokyo Bombing! Secret training for months!... Low level flying!... Low level bombing!... Aircraft carrier Hornet!... Secret mission!... Take off from Shanghai!... Crash landing!... Rescued by Chinese!... Escape!... Nation reels in horror.

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# DESERTERS PLAGUE CONTINENT

## Armed Robber Bands Menace To Central Europe

## 20,000 In One Czech "Army"

PRAGUE, DEC. 27.  
HORROR BANDS COMPOSED MAINLY OF DESERTERS  
FROM VARIOUS ARMIES ARE ONE OF THE GREAT-  
EST PLAGUES IN CENTRAL EUROPE TO-DAY.  
THESE BANDS MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLACE, ROB-  
BING AND KILLING WHEREVER THEY GO AND ON  
THE APPROACH OF SOLDIERS DISAPPEAR INTO  
THE DENSE FORESTS.

# Garbage Work Inappropriate

**PATH TO PEACE**

Now York, Dec. 27

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Washington, Dec. 27.

The Washington "Post" said editorially to day that the true the Chinese Communists proposed may merely be an effort by Mao Tse-tung to create a favourable impression upon the world.

However, the "Post" commented "Nonetheless, it would be a misfortune if Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his colleagues do not accept Mao's proposal for cessation of hostilities." Associated Press.

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# Gen. Patton Buried

LUXEMBOURG, DEC. 27.  
GENERAL GEORGE S. PAT-  
TON WAS BURIED ON A  
RAINY MORNING BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS AMID THE  
GRAVES OF MANY OF HIS  
3RD ARMY HEROES IN THE  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
CEMETERY AT HAMM, FIVE  
MILES EAST OF LUXEM-  
BOURG.

# Netherlands Officials In London

LONDON, DEC. 27.  
PREMIER WILLEM SCHEER-  
MERHORN AND A PARTY OF  
HIGH DUTCH OFFICIALS AR-  
RIVED FROM THE HAGUE  
YESTERDAY TO INAUGU-  
RATE DISCUSSIONS OF THE  
INDONESIAN SITUATION.  
WITH PRIME MINISTER  
ATTLEE AND OTHER MEM-  
BERS OF THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENT.

## BRETTON WOODS SIGNING

Washington, Dec. 27.

Representatives of least 24 United Nations will participate in the formal signing of the Bretton Woods monetary agreement in the State Department today.

Secretary of the Treasury Carl Vinson has been authorized by President Truman to sign the agreement setting up a world bank and a world stabilization fund. The countries to be represented by Britain, China, Mexico, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, Salvador, Ethiopia, Iceland, India, Iraq, The Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, the Philippines, the Union of South Africa, Yugoslavia, the Dominican Republic, Greece, Honduras, Luxembourg and Bolivia.—Associated Press.

Chungking, Dec. 27.  
Press dispatches to-day said that the Communists are attacking Kaoyu, north of Nanking.  
A Government report said that the Communists are also striking at Shaoao, south Kaoyu and Tsinhsien to the south-east.  
Dispatches described the move as an attempt to seize the three cities preparatory to efforts to cut the Yangtze river between Nanking and Shanghai.—Associated Press.

# Peiping Favoured As China's Capital

CHUNGKING, DEC. 27.  
A RECENT UNOFFICIAL POLL AMONG GOVERNMENT  
LEADERS IS REPORTED TO HAVE SHOWN THAT 52  
PER-CENT ARE IN FAVOUR OF MOVING THE CHIN-  
ESE CAPITAL TO PEIPING.  
SENTIMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IS ALSO  
STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF PEIPING BUT ACCORD-  
ING TO THE PRESENT PLANS THE SEAT OF THE  
GOVERNMENT WILL BE RE-ESTABLISHED AT NAN-  
KING ABOUT MARCH OR APRIL, 1946.

# Big Three Ministers Reach Accord

(Continued from Page 1)  
Foreign Ministers will resume their work in London with the new formula as the base.  
The agreement was sent to France and China ... the request for their approval. China is reported to have approved the agreement but word is still awaited from the French Government.—  
Associated Press.

With every indication that the Three-Power Foreign Ministers' Conference will end to-night, diplomatic observers forecast an announcement of important and definite results.

Secretary of State James Byrnes is reported to be attempting to finish all business swiftly so as to start early Thursday for Washington.

London reliable informants

Unquestionably, agreement has been achieved on many main issues exceeding the hopes of the leaders themselves.

One of the accords is said to deal with the control of Japan which was high on the list of complicated problems of the accords.

Whether an agreement has been reached on the No. 1 problem

## Far East Commission

Washington, Dec. 27.  
The Allied Far Eastern Commission leaves en route to Japan tonight to study how the United States directives to General MacArthur have been carried out. The Commission has devoted most of its time to studying the directives themselves.

The basic policy Committee, under Australia's Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison, has rewritten the original Walter Hottel directive to General MacArthur issued shortly after the Japanese surrender.

## LITTLE GLASS EYE GUILTY

YOKOHAMA, DEC. 27.  
TATSUO TSUCHIYA, JAPANESE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP HARBOR, TO-DAY CONVICTED BY THE UNITED STATES WAR CRIMES COMMISSION OF KILLING AN AMERICAN PRISONER AND SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR FOR LIFE.

In the first war crimes trial in Japan the Commission found that Tsuchiya, known as "little glass eye" was guilty of "citation No. 1, the major charge, which accused him and others of "aiding, abetting, counseling, unmercifully beating and killing Pfc. Robert Gordon Teas."

Chungking, Dec. 27.  
The Communist newspaper "New China Daily News" to-day said that U.S. Ambassador to China General George Marshall has set a time limit on the disarmament of Japanese troops in China and the withdrawal of American forces.  
The newspaper asserted that any American help to Chungking—military, political, financial or technical—before a coalition government is established would aggravate "the current civil war."  
Associated Press

Chungking, Dec. 27.  
Despite the current civil strife China spent the happiest Christmas since 1936. Chinese Christians have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into the observance, despite the hardships which have carried over from the war's end.

It also was the anniversary of "recovery day"—the day Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was released in 1936 at Sian.—Associated Press.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH 1945.  
STUDIO—IVOR OWEN (BARTONE)  
"FORCES REQUEST HOUR"  
ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on  
a frequency of 440 Kilocycles and from  
12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.50 to 7.30 p.m.  
and 11.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.63  
Megacycles.  
E K T.  
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Sum-  
mary.  
12.45 p.m.—Dinah Shore "Hit."  
12.50 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars"—  
NBA.  
1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.  
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Solo Items.  
1.30 p.m.—Schmitt—"La Tragedie de  
Salome."  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.30 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) &  
E. K. T.  
5.30 p.m.—Doris Johnson (Tenor) &  
Do Gro & His Orchestra.  
6.00 p.m.—Stratus—"Le Bougeois  
Gentilhomme" Suite.  
6.30 p.m.—Hall an Hour of Variety.  
7.00 p.m.—London Radio News.  
7.15 p.m.—Violin Solo by Joseph  
Esig.  
7.30 p.m.—Ivory Owen (Bartone)  
accomp. at the Piano by  
George Ploukai.  
7.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral Interlude.  
8.00 p.m.—"Forces Request Hour."  
9.00 p.m.—"Dance Band News."  
9.05 p.m.—"Service Music Hall"—  
NBA.  
9.05 p.m.—Albert Sandler (Violin) and  
His Orchest.  
10.00 p.m.—Gloria Mattheoli (Tenor)  
& Johann n (Soprano) in  
a Short Song Recital.  
10.15 p.m.—Fischer—"Sylvan Scenes"  
Suite.  
10.30 p.m.—Philharmonic Symphony  
Orchestra of New York.  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
11.05 p.m.—"Radio News"—NBA.  
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